

Alcohol Awareness Event Planned October 18 at SWOSU

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An alcohol awareness event is planned this Tuesday, October 18, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The event, sponsored by SWOSU's Residence Life, will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the south lawn of the Memorial Student Center. Everyone is invited to the free event.

Chad Martin, director of Residence Life, said the event centers on alcohol's ability to impair one's judgment. Res Life will have an "Arrive Alive" simulator that mimics the effects of drunken driving. Students wear alcohol simulation goggles while they drive a vehicle that responds to the drivers reactions. Participants watch a screen with a street scene that changes as the driver accelerates and brakes. Monitors surround the vehicle so those outside can see how the driver is affected.

There will also be a giant-sized beer pong (without alcohol) and facts will be provided about the game. Also, two obstacle courses are set up for timing. On one course, racers will wear alcohol goggles and will not wear them on the other course. Participants will then compare times to see how their abilities are impaired. Students can also ride giant tricycles though an obstacle course.

Seminars will be given in the Skyview Room of the Memorial Student Center on the dangers of alcohol-induced violence. The Weatherford Police Department will also be on hand to give field sobriety tests.

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